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MAHIN, JOHN — Born at Noblesville in 1833. Learned the printing business in Iowa, and until 1893 was part owner and all editor of the *Muscatine Journal*. Served in Iowa legislature and in general conferences of the M. E. church. Constantly yearning for Hoosierdom, he has got back as far as Evanston, Ill., and has further relieved his exile by joining this Society.

MAHIN, JOHN LEE — Born in 1869, son of John Mahin, native of Noblesville. Of a marked literary bent, manifested by always signing his name in full. Located in Chicago in 1891, organized Mahin Advertising Co. in 1896, and is its president. Author of a volume of Lectures on Advertising. Has delivered lectures on advertising at Northwestern University, Universities of Chicago, Illinois and Michigan. Experience in advertising developed his talent as a fisherman; only moose-hunting rival of Cy Warman.

MURDOCK, SAMUEL T.— Born in 1868 at Lafayette; graduated Notre Dame, 1886. Leads a quiet life, amusing himself by running gas companies, electric companies, trolley lines, banks and assisting to direct the Monon. Also has a few square miles of Hoosier corn land.

MANLEY, FRANK P.— Born in Minnesota and attended college in Indiana, and thus fostered an ambition, as he so feelingly says, to pass his days in the gardenspot of the footstool. A few years' residence in Chicago intensified this desire, and he went to Indianapolis and became vice-president of the Indianapolis Life Insurance Co. Is willing to debate affirmatively: "Resolved: That a Man Not Born in Indiana but Choosing to Live There is a Durn Sight Better Hoosier than a Man Born There and Living Somewhere Else."

McMILLAN, A. F.— Born at Mishawaka, 1854, coincidentally with his brother "Jim." At the age of 14 began railroading and has since been on the waiting list for a railway presidency. Worked through telegraph, freight, mechanical and passenger departments and is now chief clerk of the passenger traffic department, New York Central Lines; was secretary of the Chicago Railroad Association for ten years. Is a poet, but wishing to give the others a chance, has never published his gems of thought.

MERGENTHEIM, MORTON ADOLPH.— Born at Fort Wayne, July 1, 1887. A.B. University of Chicago, 1899; LL.B., Northwestern University, 1903. Professor of International Law at John

Marshall Law School in 1906; assistant City Attorney of Chicago in 1911. Married and glad of it.

MILLER, RICHARD O.— Born at Richmond. Graduated Wabash College. Began business in Cincinnati and is now manager western department Dwinell-Wright Co., importers of spices and coffee, in Chicago. Lives in Evanston.

MIX, MELVILLE W.— Born in Illinois, 1865. In 1886 joined the Dodge Manufacturing Co., at Mishawaka, and as a result the name of the town may some day be changed to Mixawaka. Was made president and general manager of the company in 1894. This company makes power transmission machinery. He is also president of the National Veneer Products Co., which makes trunks which drive baggage smashers insane. Also president of a trust and savings bank; also president of the Mishawaka Improvement Corporation and other enterprises. Has been written up by Elbert Hubbard, who says: "There is no hell hereafter for Mix. But if there chances to be I'll wager he'll build a Boiler over it, hitch up some Dodge transmission, use the generated power to run a Sight-Seeing Trolley around the edge of the Crater, and sell Tickets to New Arrivals."

MACK, WARDE L.— Born five miles from Indiana line in Michigan, 1866. Printer's devil and other literary pursuits, including express business, in early life. Lived in Hammond, then South Bend. Now general agent for N. W. Mutual Life at South Bend. Recreation: Being uncle to Virgil S. Reiter.

MURPHY, HENRY CONSTANT — Born in Illinois, 1873. Educated Notre Dame and University of Chicago. Once glee club warbler. Owns *Evansville Courier* and is a prominent citizen, having lifted the *Courier* from a cordwood and potato subscription rate to a cash basis.

MANNY, WILLIAM B.— Born at St. Joseph, Mich., while there on a visit in 1862. Lived in Michigan City the past forty years. Dealer in sand. Sells the Hoosier Slide variety, excellent for the gear box. Mason, Elk, K. P. and Ben-Hur. Amusements: Coaling boats, selling real estate and pounding sand. Related to Baptist church by marriage.

McGRAIN, PRESTON — In 1892 he turned his back upon Corydon, Harrison County, Ind., where he was born in 1874, and started for Chicago. He continues to imagine that Chicago needs him.

McGRATH, WILLIAM EDWARD — Lived for several years in Muncie and Indiana Harbor, because his parents were willing to take him with them. Pays his dog license in Chicago, and has a college degree or two that are practically as good as new.

McGUIRE, C. W.— Born at Sharpsville, 1867. Left school in 1882. Railroaded until 1905. Now adviser and specialist in electric railroads, reorganizes, finances and sells public utilities. Offices Indianapolis and Chicago. Full name Charles Willard McGuire. Once nourished hope of being postmaster at Indianapolis. Refused nomination for auditor of state.

MATHIAS, LEE DOWLING — Born Greencastle, 1872. Ph.B., De Pauw University, 1894. Admitted to Indiana bar, 1894. Removed to Chicago, 1896. Assistant corporation counsel during Mayor Dunne's administration. Democrat.

MORRISON, JAMES WILLIAM — Born Richmond, Ind., 1872. Educated public schools of Chicago, Harvard School and the Chicago Manual Training School. After leaving school entered the wholesale drug business of Morrison, Plummer & Co., and is now president of the company. Direc-

tor First National Bank, Richmond, Ind., Richmond Brick Co. Member executive committee Illinois Council National Civic Federation.

MILLER, RICHARD OREN — Born Richmond, Ind., November 3, 1856. Graduate of Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Ind. In tea and coffee business since 1880; since 1889 manager western department and director of Dwinell-Wright Co. (established 1845; incorporated, 1889).

MILLER, HARRY IRVING — Born Cleveland, O., January 12, 1862. Attended Russell's Military College, New Haven, Conn., Mt. St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md., and Cornell University (LL.D. Mt. St. Mary's, 1909); chief clerk to superintendent Indianapolis & Vincennes R. R., Indianapolis, 1880–1882; chief clerk to superintendent Pennsylvania Lines, Richmond, Ind., 1882; Inspector masonry and later assistant engineer Pennsylvania Lines, 1882–1885; Engineer Pennsylvania Lines Indianapolis to Columbus and Richmond to Logansport, 1885–1888; completed construction Cincinnati & Richmond R. R., April-September 1888; division superintendent Pennsylvania Lines, Richmond, Ind., 1888–1890. Louisville, Ky., 1890–1894; Terre Haute & Indianapolis R. R. Co., 1894–1901.

McCUTCHEON, BEN FREDERICK ("Benjamin Brace") — Born Lafayette, 1875. Student Purdue University. Commercial editor of *Chicago Tribune* since 1905. Author: "Sunrise Acres," 1905; "The Seventh Person," 1906.

McCORMICK, ERNEST O.— Born Lafayette, 1858. Graduated high school, Lafayette. Began railway service with L. E. & W. R. R., 1879. Was in freight department Louisville, New Albany & Chicago R. R., at Lafayette; city ticket and passenger agent at Louisville and Chicago; general agent Great Eastern Freight Line at Louisville, Ky.; general Northwestern passenger agent at Chicago, and general passenger and ticket agent at Chicago, to 1889, Monon Route; general passenger and ticket agent C. H. & D. Ry., 1889–1893; passenger traffic manager C. C., C. & St. L. Ry., 1893–1899; passenger traffic manager S. P. Co., at San Francisco, 1899–1904; assistant traffic director U. P. and S. P. systems, Oregon Short Line Ry., and Oregon R. R. & Navigation Co. at Chicago, 1904–1910; vice-president in charge of all traffic S. P. Co., since March 10, 1910.

McELROY, FRANK D.— Born in Putnam County, 33 years ago. Graduate State Normal and Wabash. Principal Hammond High School.

McCUTCHEON, JOHN TINNEY — (Pause of five minutes for cheers) — Born in Tippecanoe County, 1870. Schooled at Lafayette; finishing touches at Purdue. Artist *Chicago Record,* 1889–1901; *Record-Herald,* 1901–1903; with *Tribune* since then. With Dewey at Manila; has traveled and pictured most of the world; shot elephants and met Roosevelt in darkest Africa; owner of the McCutcheon dog; creator of Congressman Pumphrey, Dawson, Ill., and other household words. Introduced the Mysterious Stranger. Mapped Bird Center. President Indiana Society, 1909–1910.

MUHLFELD, JOHN — Born in Peru, 1872. In early boyhood visited Henpeck, Puckerbrush and Paw Paw. This gave him a taste for travel, so he took mechanical engineering at Purdue and helped build a railway between Peru and Chili (Ind.). Locomotive fireman and engineer; master mechanic of various railways, and so on; led to his present position of vice-president and general manager Kansas City Southern Ry. Pays dues in eighteen clubs and associations; author of papers on various railway problems. Developed and adapted first Mallet type of locomotive and Walshaert valve gear for American steam roads. Inventor of various mechanical devices.

MILLS, WALTER — Born at Terre Haute, 1870. Champion pedestrian at college. Finishing college, accepted a position in Chicago, and the factory in which he was to work promptly burned the night he arrived. So he went into his uncle's real estate office, "until he should strike something." Stayed there and struck it rich in real estate. Writer — in his check book; painter — garden fence.

MANN, WILLIAM DAVID — Born at Rockville, 1870. At age of 20, after joyous days on a farm near Waveland, moved to Terre Haute and later to St. Louis. Purdue, 1897. Now in architectural business in Chicago.

MERCER, FRANK C.— Born at Hartford City, 1886. Now in lumber business in Evanston.

MILLER, ALVIN FORD — Born at Richmond, 1888. Came to Chicago in 1906; went to New York in 1907 and returned here in 1910.

MUELLER, AUSTIN M.— Born at Plymouth, 1874. Class poet at school, but saw the futility of such things and came to Chicago and became a steel man. Now with Jos. T. Ryerson & Sons.

MARSHALL, THOMAS R.— Born in Wabash County, 1854. Began practice of law at Columbia City when 21. Surprised the prophets by being nominated by the Democrats for governor in 1908 and astonished the Republicans by being elected. Considered presidential timber by platform lumbermen.

McCABE, GUY S.— Born in Pennsylvania, 1873. Moved to Logansport at age of 3. Six months later moved to Evanston, Ill., to get an education. Lived fourteen years in Richmond, assisting to run the Pennsylvania Lines. Transferred to Chicago April 1, 1908.

MURPHY, FRANK M.— Born at Indianapolis, 1870. Moved to Chicago in 1890, returning to Indianapolis in 1901 for a few years; back to Chicago in 1906 as vice-president Farwell Trust Co.

MOSSLER, MORRIS S.— Born at Indianapolis, 1870. Came to Chicago in 1884. In 1894 established retail clothing store; took over the Mossler building in Jackson boulevard in 1904; president Mossler Co. Author of many editions of best selling suits.

MORE, R. WILSON — Born on a farm in Carroll County. Pure Hoosier forefathers being early settlers. Now a lawyer in Chicago. For dates and further particulars see family bible and city directory.

McKENNA, EDWARD W.— Born in Pittsburgh, 1848. Telegraph operator for Pennsylvania Ry. in Pittsburgh; same for Uncle Sam during the war. After long experience in railroading, rising to high positions, Mr. McKenna invented a process for renewing steel rails and organized the McKenna Steel Working Co. To-day he is vice-president of the C. M. & St. P. Ry. Also president St. Paul Coal Co., of Illinois, and director of C. M. & P. S. Ry.

McCUTCHEON, GEORGE BARR — Born in Tippecanoe County, 1866. Educated in Lafayette public schools and at Purdue University. In 1889–1893 reporter on *Lafayette Journal;* 1893–1902, city editor *Lafayette Courier.* Moved to Chicago and began writing novels, and Carnegie at once began his system of donating libraries to house them. Mr. McCutcheon now lives in New York.

MAJOR, CHARLES — Born at Indianapolis, 1856. Studied law; practiced in Shelbyville until he

was attracted by famous team, Fame & Fortune. Wrote "When Knighthood Was in Flower" and set the world to reading historical novels. Followed it with several more best sellers. Now an author, lawyer and long distance farmer. Often walks to the Marion bridge, five miles from Shelbyville, to hear the brown thrush sing its twilight song. Lives in Shelbyville, and missed a few of the Indiana Society annual banquets.

MORRIS, FRANK M.—Born in Ohio, 1857. Settled in Terre Haute and carried papers in 1871. In 1876–1877, lived in Illinois and published "The Duke's Spirit." In 1877 also published a book of poems entitled "Sprays of Thought." Now offers reward for any remaining copies. In 1878–1879 attended Butler. In 1880–1881 ran amateur paper, *The Aldine,* in Indianapolis, wrote society notes for the *Saturday Herald* and reported politics and hangings for a Shelbyville paper. In 1884 opened a book and periodical store in Chicago which is now known far and wide as The Morris Book Shop. Doesn't write any more poetry and finds it hard to sell any, too.

NATHAN, CHARLES—Born at Winnamac, 1872. In 1874 he moved to Fort Wayne. In 1895 engaged in wrapping paper business there; sold out

in 1900 and spent a year in Mexico. For a time was assistant manager, at Peoria, of Straus Brothers Real Estate and Loan Co. Now manager of the Jefferson building and assistant secretary and treasurer of the Jefferson Deposit Co. Also interested in theatrical lines, and can write passes for the Peoria Theater.

NILES, HARRY G., Jr.— Born at Mishawaka; schooled at Bethany and Notre Dame; Chicagoed for fourteen years, then South Bend and presides over the South Bend Woolen Mills.

NOYES, THOMAS SMITH — Born Laporte, 1861. Educated in public schools, Evanston, Ill. Treasurer Richardson Silk Co.

NIXON, WILLIAM PENN.— Born Wayne County, 1833. A.B. Farmers' College, Ohio, 1854; LL.B., University of Pennsylvania, 1859. Practiced law in Cincinnati until 1868. Member Ohio Legislature, 1865–1868; business manager *Cincinnati Chronicle,* 1868–1872. 1872 connected with the *Chicago Inter Ocean* as business manager, publisher, general manager and editor. Appointed Lincoln Park commissioner 1896, and its president in 1897; delegate at large Republican National Convention 1896; December, 1897, appointed collector of port of Chicago; reappointed December 1901.

NESBIT, WILBUR D.— Born in Ohio, 1871. Began life in Indiana, 1889, in Anderson. Lived in Indianapolis until 1899. Came to Chicago in 1903. Writer by trade.

NIBLACK, WILLIAM CALDWELL — Born Martin County, 1854. Graduate of Georgetown University 1874; attended lectures, Cincinnati Law School, 1876–1877. Admitted to bar, November, 1877, and since engaged in practice. Was the receiver Chemical and Columbia National Banks under appointment from the comptroller of the currency of the U. S. Vice-president, director and trust officer Chicago Title & Trust Co. Author: Mutual Benefit Societies and Accident Insurance; The Torrens System, Its Cost and Complexity; Abstracters and Title Insurance.

NEWMAN, JACOB — Born Germany, November 12, 1854. Parents came to U. S., when he was 3 years old and settled on farm in Butler County, O.; remained on farm a short time, then went to Noblesville, Ind.; came to Chicago, 1867; worked hard for two years, saving his money; entered University of Chicago, working out of school hours; graduated 1873. After leaving college became associated, 1873, with Judge Graham in firm of Graham & Newman. Now senior member of Newman, Northrup Levinson & Becker.

NELL, BENNO F.— Born at Lafayette, 1861. Raised at Indianapolis. Came to Chicago in 1889. Eight years ago started in business for himself; now president Allbright-Nell Co., makers of packing house machinery.

NICHOLSON, MEREDITH — Born at Crawfordsville, 1866. Hon. A. M. Wabash, 1901; Butler, 1902; Litt D., Wabash, 1907. Author of "Short Flights," a book of poems and of many most popular novels, including "The House of a Thousand Candles," "The Siege of the Seven Suitors," etc., etc., etc., etc.

NEW, HARRY STEWART — Born at Indianapolis, 1858. In 1880, with his father, became one of the owners of *Indianapolis Journal*. Elected state senator in 1906. Captain and A. A. G., U. S. V., during Spanish-American war. Made chairman Republican national committee in 1907. President Bedford Stone and Construction Co.; home, Indianapolis.

NOYES, DAVID A.— Born at Laporte, 1867. Moved to Evanston, 1868. Member Chicago Board of Trade. Succeeded Angus Hibbard as chief joymaker at Glenview. Famous ballad singer. Noyes Street in Evanston named for his singing.

O'NEAL, OREN, M.D.— Born in Wabash County, 1859. Has lived in Chicago fifteen years. Specialist.

O'BRIEN, PATRICK — Born in New Jersey. In 1858 started the O'Brien Varnish Co., of South Bend, and still owns it. Wrote history of Indiana methods of parole for state department at Washington, while member of state board of prison trustees.

O'CONNOR, THOMAS W.— Born on July 4, 1868, in White County. Organized Monticello National Bank in 1892, and is its president. State senator in 1896. Farmer, cattleraiser, and fruit grower on the side. Also mayor of Monticello.

OTHO H. MORGAN — Born at Lawrenceburg; second lieutenant 7th Indiana Light Battery during civil war, promoted to capital before close of unpleasantness. Located in Chicago in 1866; president Chicago Varnish Co.; can give polish or finish as case requires.

OPPENHEIM, WILLIAM SIGMYND — Born Bluffton, 1857. Preparatory education public schools; LL.B., Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., 1877; unmarried. Admitted to Indiana bar in

1878, and engaged in practice at Fort Wayne, until 1891; associated with Coombs, Morris & Bell, 1870–1880; member Indiana legislature, 1889–1891. Came to Chicago in 1891.

O'GARA, JOHN — Civil engineer and contractor. Born Crawfordsville, 1867. C.E., Purdue University, 1888. In civil engineering work Chicago, 1889–1903, and contractor since 1903; president and treasurer Marquette Construction Co.

OTIS, CHARLES TILLINGHAST — Born in Ohio. A.B., (old) Chicago University, 1874. Unmarried. Identified with real estate interests in Chicago during entire business career.

OWEN, ERNEST DALE — Native of Posey County. Son of Robert Owen and grandson of Robert Dale Owen. Practices law in Chicago, but few of his clients seem to properly appreciate his lineage. Has a passion for pumpkin pie.

PAYNE, GAVIN L.— Grandparents on both sides flatboated down the Ohio River so that our hero might be born a Hoosier. Strong literary bent shown by fact that his uncle once commanded an Ohio River steamer, and that the author of "Home, Sweet Home" was a family connection. Gavin

can sing the song with much feeling, but never mastered steamboating. One grandfather made the first wooden plow ever used on Indiana roads. It was stolen from the World's Fair — being sort of a Mona Lisa plow. He once roomed with James Keely, now publisher of the *Chicago Tribune,* and could "I-knew-him-when" if he wished. Literary career embraces carrying papers, clerking in a grocery store, writing poems, reporter, city editor, managing editor, and the natural progress into banking. Lives in Indianapolis.

PAXTON, WILLIAM GILBERT — Refuses to tell when he was born, but admits that he began his career at Rensselaer, where he went to school and was known as "Little Barefoot." Tried school teaching, but gave it up to go into the varnish business, thus acquiring the polish for which he is noted. Dabbles in real estate in Hammond, and claims to be an able duck-hunter.

PRATT, WM. B.— Born in Michigan, but quickly moved to Elkhart, where he is the president and secretary of the Elkhart Carriage and Harness Manufacturing Co.

PRIMLEY, JONATHAN PHILIP — Born Elkhart, 1852. Served an apprenticeship and then

engaged in retail drug business at Elkhart, Ind., 1874–1885; disposed of drug store and engaged in manufacture of chewing gum. Came to Chicago, 1892, and then sold out and engaged in manufacture of granite paving blocks and crushed granite products. President Wisconsin Granite Co.; vice-president and director American Chicle Co.

PIERCE, GERALD — Born Porter County, 1861. Began in employ of Western News Co., until 18 years of age; in stationery and news business, 1882–1886; later in newspaper work and for a time advertising manager *Minneapolis Tribune;* business manager *Chicago Record-Herald,* 1898–1907; since 1907 resident president Pierce Publishing Co. Delegate to Republican National Convention, Minneapolis, 1892. Presbyterian.

PENNINGTON, JOHN RAWSON — Born Corydon, 1858. Educated at Corydon High School, Indiana State Normal School, Terre Haute, and National Normal University, Lebanon, O.; M.D., University of Maryland, 1887 (hon. M.D., Kentucky School of Medicine, 1892). In practice at Chicago since October 1903. Professor rectal diseases, Chicago Clinical School, 1897–1900; professor operative surgery and rectal diseases, Chicago College Medicine and Surgery since 1908. Professor

rectal surgery, Chicago Polyclinic, since 1900. Appointed, first lieutenant U. S. A. Medical Reserve Corps, February 1911. Ex-president American Proctologic Society.

PINE, MILTON B., M.D.— Born. Attended Madison schools in South Bend. Studied medicine. Practiced. Now head of Gatling Institute, Chicago, where in three days a fondness for water is instilled.

PAPE, CHARLES C.— Born at Tipton, 1884. Graduate Purdue and University of Chicago. Now with banking house of C. C. Halsey & Co.

PERRY, ARBA — Born at Indianapolis, 1869. Wabash, 1892. Expert salesman for prunes and sorghum for a time, but his conversational gifts led to his present position with Colonial Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago. Unmarried, but open minded.

PFAFF, J. LINCOLN — Was born in Westfield as long ago as he looks. Came of Quaker and German-Lutheran stock, thus giving him a religious strain, or sprain, as you choose. His folks moved to Indianapolis and took him with them. There he attended public school and graduated at the skating rink. With Harry New, Bert Dasher, Rome John-

son and others bought and placed the first steamboat on White River above the dam. It sank on the first trip. Was captain of the Indianapolis Roller Skating Polo Club, moving in the best and largest circles of any of them. Has resided in Chicago for over twenty years, being in the tailoring business. His own clothes may be heard in Ludington and Holland on a clear, calm day.

QUANTRELL, ERNEST E.— Born near Union Center, 1881. Attended high school in Chicago, also University of Chicago. After four years in bond department of Chicago Savings Bank & Trust Co., became associated with N. W. Halsey & Co.

ROSE, LANDON CABELL — Born Laporte, 1872. Entered Wabash College class of 1893. Began banking business in firm of Rose & Co., 1892–1902. Assisted in organizing, June 16, 1902, Colonial Trust & Savings Bank, of which he was vice-president until 1910, and since president; also president North Avenue State Bank and Michigan Avenue Trust Co.; vice-president Continental Casualty Co., and Stearns Lime & Stone Co.; director Life Insurance Co. of Virginia; trustee Wabash College.

ROSENTHAL, HASCALL — Born in Elkhart, February 4, 1867. After graduating from the public schools he became possessed of a wild yearning to explore the great west. Crossed the plains to Laporte and liked it there in spite of the many dangers. Has been a printer's devil and a traveling salesman. Once wrote an essay on Julius Cæsar.

ROSSBACH, FRED L.— Got his start in life at Indianapolis, November 29, 1867. At the age of 16 he selected Chicago as a favorable place in which to go into the shirt business later. He is president of the Hamilton Club of Chicago; belongs to the Congregational church, and is convinced that it pays to advertise.

ROMEL, OSCAR — Born Michigan City, 1874. Preparatory education in public grammar and high schools, Michigan City, Ind.; student University of Michigan, 1890–1893. Clerk for M. C. R. R., at Michigan City, 1894–1896; member of firm of Safford & Romel, manufacturers of rubber stamps since 1903. Recreations: Acquatic sports.

ROE, CLIFFORD GRIFFITH — Born Rolling Prairie, 1875. Unmarried. B. Litt., University of Michigan, 1899; LL.B., 1902. Admitted to Illinois

bar, 1903. Member of firm of Lynn & Roe, 1903–1907. President American Alliance since December 1909. Member faculty Illinois College of Law. Part author: Vol. XI Business Administration, in "Commercial Law and Legal Forms," War on the White Slave Trade.

ROBERTS, JESSE ELMER — Born Rensselaer, 1865. Educated Rensselaer High School, Bryant & Stratton Business College, Indianapolis; LL.B., University of Michigan, 1892. Admitted to Illinois bar, 1892, and since practiced at Chicago; attorney for Lagrange, Ill., nine consecutive years, Summit four years, Stickney, eight years.

RITTER, HENRY APP — Born Selinsgrove, Pa., November 1, 1857. A.B. Wabash College, 1881. After leaving college, studied law, and was admitted to Illinois bar, March, 1886. Clerk in law office of Shuman & Defrees for about six years, and in November 1893, became a partner in the firm of Defrees, Brace & Ritter, now Defrees, Buckingham, Ritter & Campbell.

REED, FRANK J.— Born Lafayette, 1854. Since 1885 in the service of the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago Ry. and its successor, the C., I. & L. Ry.,

first as city passenger agent at Chicago, 1885–1893, and since June 15, 1893, as general passenger agent.

REITER, VIRGIL S.— Born in Fulton County, 1864. Graduated Heidelburg University, Tiffin, O., 1886. Admitted to the bar 1889. Practiced in Rochester and Hammond until 1904, when he was appointed judge of the superior court of Lake County; elected for full term in 1908 and won't resign. Has written no poems, but is namesake of famous Hoosier bard, the late Mr. Virgil.

ROEMLER, CHARLES C.— Born 1873. Admitted to bar, 1895; to U. S. Supreme Court, 1905. Was a state senator 1905–1907; state election commissioner, 1910; lives in Indianapolis.

RUDDELL, RICHARD — Born in Rush County, August 31, 1850. Spent his boyhood in Wabash, where, according to his favorite biographer, "he worked for some time at various kinds of employment." Is president of the Citizens' National Bank of Kokomo. Favorite sport: "Moving in the best social circles of Kokomo."

RUMELY, LEO M.— Born at Laporte, 1884. Manager sales department M. Rumely Co., of that city.

RAMSEY, JAMES W.— Born in Somerton, the largest port of entry on Captina Creek, O., 1864. Specimen of his penmanship exhibited at Centennial Exposition, 1876. Two of his friends graduated from Ohio State University. Worked in drug store for a time, and laid the foundation for financial career naturally. Directed stove and range works at Greenfield for twelve years. Three years ago founded investment house of Ramsey & Shepherd in Chicago.

RILEY, JAMES WHITCOMB — Born at Greenfield, 1853. Began contributing poems to Indiana papers in 1873. Known and loved the world around as the "Hoosier poet." A list of his poems and books would be a list of the best known and best written favorites of all the people. He is forever an honored and honorary member of this society. A facsimile of his first book, "The Old Swimmin' Hole," was presented to the members at the annual banquet in 1909, through the kindness of the Bobbs-Merrill Co., of Indianapolis, publishers of all his books.

REASONER, H. D.— Born in Indiana and has lived a consistent and continuous Hoosier. Practiced medicine until 20 years ago when he became president of First National Bank of Marion.

RANKIN, WILLIAM HECTOR — Born at New Albany, 1873. As a mere child brightened the city by lighting the street lamps and smiling. Lived in Glasgow for three years and accumulated a tendency to golf. Was connected with the *Indianapolis Star* for a time, then with Bobbs-Merrill Co. Next with Street Railways Advertising Co., and now is vice-president of Mahin Advertising Co., Chicago. Every time opportunity knocks at his door he sees to it that she does not bruise her knuckles from continued pounding.

RICHEY, EUGENE W.— Born at Richmond, 1876. Railroaded in steel business until 1904, when he took charge of sales department Standard Forging Co.

RIGHT, CHRISTIAN C.— Born in Dearborn County, 1856. Left at age of 17 and attended business college in Cincinnati. In wholesale window and plate glass business until 1889, when he located in Chicago as general agent for Travelers' Insurance Co.

RICE, LUTHER VINTON — Born four miles southwest of Ladoga, 1861. Graduated Central Indiana Normal School, 1883; took civil engineering

course at Cornell University. Engineer of construction and assistant manager of Ferris wheel at the World's Fair in Chicago. Performed many other engineering feats. Now chief of civil engineering department Robert W. Hunt & Co., and appraises railways, mines and other properties.

RICHARDS, PIERRE C.—Born at Bedford, 1860. Has been in coal business in Chicago for twenty-five years. Favorite amusement, a long cold winter. President Richards, Ambler & Co.; director Berwyn State Bank.

RECTOR, EDWARD—Born at Bedford, 1863. Graduate Cincinnati Law School. Came to Chicago 1892 and has practiced law here since. Greatly admired as hard working committeeman, and never repines when Secretary Holloway tells him how many days' work he must do in one.

RUMELY, EDWARD ALOYSIUS—Born at Laporte, 1882. Educated Notre Dame, Oxford, England, University of Heidelberg and Freiberg, Germany. Developed and financed oil burning engine for power on farm; secretary and treasurer M. Rumely Co. Founded Interlaken School and is its president.

ROBERTS, JESSE ELMER — Born at Rensselaer, 1865. Remembers when William B. Austin was called "Bill." Came to Chicago in 1892; is an attorney and counselor at law; has written no books and painted no pictures; at billiards gets out an injunction on the cue ball; at golf mandamuses the bunker.

STONEBRAKER, CHARLES E.— Native of Hagerstown, Ind., where phonetic spelling has for many years been regarded with favor. Has never written a poem or painted a picture, and is so modest that he always changes his clothes in the dark.

STRATTAN, STEPHEN S., JR.— Born 1868; graduated De Pauw, 1891; entered employ of Gaar Scott & Co., Richmond, 1892, and became secretary of the company in 1898.

SHAFFER, JOHN CHARLES — Born Baltimore, June 5, 1853. Educated in public schools of Baltimore. Head of J. C. Shaffer & Co., commission merchants, Chicago, 1878–1888; president Richmond (Ind.) St. Ry. Co., 1888–1893; organized syndicate and purchased all the street railways of Indianapolis, and was president, 1889–1893; president Asbury Park St. Ry. Co., 1892; built Chicago & Englewood

Electric Ry., 1893; president and publisher *Chicago Evening Post* since 1901; also president Frank Parmelee Co. (Chicago), Cleveland (O.) Elevator Co.; vice-president and chairman board Cleveland Grain Co. Brought grand opera to Chicago in 1910. Republican. Methodist.

SHIRK, JOHN C.— Born at Springfield, near Brookville, 1858. Graduated Indiana University, 1881, then clerked and assisted the cashier in the Brookville Bank. In 1905 it was changed to The National Brookville Bank, and he became its president. Officer in other companies there. For ten years has been superintendent of the M. E. Sunday School.

SHAPKER, EDWARD BERNARD — Born at Evansville more than 35 years ago. Earned his way from messenger to manager of R. G. Dun & Co. With C. R. McCorkle brought the first silk hats and frock coats to Vanderburgh County, and created comment by wearing them while hunting. Now head of the banking firm of E. B. Shapker & Co., Chicago.

SHEA, JOSEPH H.— On July 24, 1864, he chose Scott County, Ind., as a favorable place in which to be born. Became a country school teacher as

soon as possible; graduated from Indiana University in 1889, and then found it necessary to go to work or become a public office-holder. Has been prosecuting attorney, state senator and assistant general counsel of a railroad. Now judge of the 40th judicial circuit of Indiana, and hopeful.

SKINNER, LESLIE R.— Born at Valparaiso, 1872. Began growing immediately and was not satisfied until he had passed the six-foot mark. To occupy his idle moments he adopted the profession of farmer, merchant, banker, railway director and having hay-fever. Raises fine stock; expert on hogs.

STRAUS, SIMON J.— Born at Ligonier, 1865. Grammar school there; high school at Chicago; returned to Ligonier and entered business with Straus Brothers, real estate and loans. Diversion: Business. Recreation: Talking of his children.

SCHAAF, F. R.— Born thirty-three years ago, but will not tell where. Began his business career by "Accepting a position" with the Standard Oil Company at Whiting, Ind. Has been a county chairman in two campaigns, and is postmaster at Hammond. Is a director of two banks and vice-

president of one, though it is alleged that he has an amiable disposition.

SCHLIEKER, A. G.— In 1868 became a native of Wisconsin. Taught school in Northern Michigan, but didn't like it and became a drug clerk. This was no better, so he moved to East Chicago, Ind., and got himself elected mayor. Is willing to hang on until he can get something more pleasant.

STEPHENSON, C. B.— Born on the Wabash; moved to South Bend; went west and was a hardy mountaineer; then east and was a New York drummer; then reformed and began manufacturing underwear at South Bend. Once wrote a poem, but it was above the head of the editor of the paper to which he sent it. Fond of crokinole, tiddledewinks and cats.

STOUT, W. E.— Born in Parke County — school teacher — hooked up with Longmans, Greene & Co.; now western manager with home in Chicago. Joined Indiana Society just in time to get this much about himself in this book.

STOWELL, MYRON R.— Born in Indianapolis; twin brother of Marvin. Newspaper and musical

work, then railway supplies. Lived in Pittsburg a while; came to Chicago in 1905.

SONNTAG, JOHN HAVILAND — Born Evansville, 1866; educated public schools, Evansville, Ind.; unmarried. Began with the old Merchants' National Bank, Evansville, 1881–1887; deputy treasurer of State of Indiana, 1887–1891. Came to Chicago in 1899, and has since been identified with handling municipal and corporation bonds; president Sonntag, Decker & Co., since 1908; also vice-president Rochester (Minn.) Light, Heat & Power Co.

SPOONER, JOHN C.— Born at Lawrenceburg, January 6, 1843. Moved to Madison, Wis., in 1859. Enlisted as a private in the civil war; mustered out as Brevet Major. Practiced law and politics in Wisconsin for twenty years, and was then elected to the United States senate. After serving one term and part of another, he decided that it was Dead Sea fruit and created a sensation by resigning. Has received the degree of LL.D. so often, that he now charges for his time while having it conferred upon him.

SHIRK, ELBERT WRIGHT — Born Peru, 1859. Educated Riverview Military Academy, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Was member firm of Shirk &

Miller, general merchandise, Peru, Ind. Was also vice-president Citizens Banks, at Delphi and Monticello, Ind.; now engaged in banking at Chicago; also president First National Bank, Peru, Ind., and Peru Trust Co., and First National Bank, Tipton, Ind.

SHAFFER, CARROLL — Born Chicago, February 25, 1884. Ph.B., Yale University, 1906. Associated with J. C. Shaffer & Co., grain merchants, since December 1906. President South Chicago Elevator Co. Partner of firm of Shaffer & Stream; director of *Chicago Evening Post* Co., *Star* Publishing Co., Indianapolis, Ind., *Herald* Publishing Co., Louisville, Ky. Republican. Methodist. Recreations: Motoring, tennis, baseball, golf and mandolin.

SELLERS, EMORY B.— Born July 4, 1851, in Perry County, Ohio. Since then Perry County has adopted the safe and sane Fourth. After he had attended college in Chicago, he went to Indiana and got into the state legislature, but he doesn't say what for. He now searches for legal technicalities in Monticello.

SENEFF, EDWARD HAMILTON — Born Mt. Eaton, O., 1867. Educated Northern Indiana Nor-

mal School. Student Northern Indiana Law School, and in law department Lake Forest University; LL.B., 1896. Taught school, 1884–1886; attended school, 1886–1889; stenographer and law clerk, 1889–1896. Admitted to bar, 1895. Attorney in employ of C. & E. I. R. R., 1896–1899; since 1899 general attorney C. & E. I. R. R. Director Brazil Block Coal Co.; Momence Stone Co.

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SCANLAN, DANIEL W.— Born Madison County not so awfully long ago. Was patron of arts and sciences in Ireland's restaurant while he read law in Anderson. It required art to get credit and science to hold it. Blue-eyed child of destiny was elected county prosecutor before he had finished study of law. For many years he has enjoyed a lucrative corporation practice in Chicago, with offices in the Chamber of Commerce building. Lives palatially at Chicago Athletic Club.

STEPHENSON, F. A.— Born in South Bend just before the war broke out. Remained in the infantry at home. Now vice-president Stephenson Underwear Mills, South Bend. Owner of Louis Kuhns' old homestead, and claims it was built after plans by an architect of Brobdignag.

SUTHERLAND, WILLIAM JESSE — Born Logansport, 1863; educated in public schools. Began as clerk in grocery store of A. H. McDonald, at Logansport, Ind., 1878–1879; came to Chicago, in 1880 and was employed as a clerk in the Mooney & Boland agency, the largest of its kind in the country, looking after the confidential matters of the largest corporations and most prominent individuals; subsequently became a partner and is now vice-president and general manager of the Western Division.

STRAUS, SIMON WILLIAM — Born Ligonier, 1866; educated at Chicago public schools and Hughes High School, Cincinnati, O. Began business life with father. Until 1888, in Chicago branch of Straus Bros. & Co., bankers, of Ligonier, Ind.; member of firm of Chan & Straus, bankers, Chicago, 1888–1894; succeeded 1894, by firm of S. W. Straus & Co., investment bankers, of which was senior member until its incorporation in 1905, and has since been president Pres. Realization Co. of America, organized, 1906; director Insurance Co. of State of Illinois.

STONE, DR. WINTHROP ELLSWORTH — Born in New Hampshire, 1862. Graduated Massachu-

setts Agricultural College and Boston University. Studied chemistry and botany University of Gettingen, 1886–1888 (Ph.D.); Professor of chemistry at Purdue, 1889–1900; vice-president Purdue, 1892–1900; now president of Purdue University. Has made special investigations and publications in chemistry in the field of carbohydrates; is member of various scientific and learned societies and of the Indiana state board of education.

STITT, THOMAS LUTZ — Born at Wabash, 1872. Graduated U. S. Naval Academy, 1892, and served two years in navy. Admitted to bar, 1894. Served as ensign in navy in war with Spain. Moved to Chicago in 1909; lawyer.

SIMMS, DAN W.— Lawyer and member of the human race which he joined February 13, 1862. Lives at Lafayette and goes Democratic on the slightest provocation. Claims to be modest, but has never been able to prove it.

SIMMS, FRED A.— Born at Frankfort, 1867; admitted to bar, 1889. Mayor of Frankfort once and secretary of state twice and a half. Member state tax board; lives in Indianapolis.

SMITH, LOUIS F.— Born in Peru in 1874. Entertained the Indiana Society in 1911. He is justly regarded as a host in himself and Indiana's most successful rain-maker.

SHIDELER, GEORGE A. H.— Born at Jonesboro, 1863. Traveling salesman at first, then in glass business and legislature. Warden state prison, since 1906. Home, Marion.

SHAW, JOHN N.— Born in Plainfield, Ind., February 21, 1870. Has lived in Chicago since 1898 and manufactures shirts. In 1800 his father rode from North Carolina to Monrovia, Ind., the trip taking three months. John insists that he was not to blame.

SHAW, LON — Born in Indianapolis, 1858. Quaker and leading gents furnisher until he retired from the latter in 1910.

SHIRK, GEORGE M.— Born near Brookville of rich but honest parents, some time in the '60s. Born in a locality that has produced more governors, generals, senators, admirals, postmasters and other notables than any similar spot on the globe. As he went into the cold air business he

escaped this prominence. Lives in Chicago and designs refrigerating plants.

SENEY, EDGAR F.— Born at Fowler, and lived there for eighteen years. Has been in business in Chicago for seven years, and in that time has lent $11,000,000 — some of it to Hoosiers who wanted to go home. Much interested in athletics.

SHEA, JOSEPH H.— Born in Scott County. Graduated from Indiana University in 1889. Prosecuting attorney 6th judicial circuit, 1891. Elected state senator, 1896, and judge of the 40th judicial circuit, 1908. Trustee Indiana University since 1893. Home, Seymour.

SLACK, L. ERT — Born in Johnson County, 1874, and began life with a name which will never be overlooked or forgotten. Graduated Indiana Law School. Practiced law and politics; has been a state senator, and came within fifty votes of wresting the gubernatorial nomination from Thomas R. Marshall in 1908. Lives at Franklin.

STUDEBAKER, CLEMENT, JR.— Born at South Bend, 1871. Graduate Northwestern University. Entered employ of Studebaker Bros. Mfg. Co., at

age of 20 as bill clerk, and worked his way up to second vice-presidency. Prominent in educational work, and officer of various manufacturing and financial institutions.

SKINNER, LESLIE R.— Born at Valparaiso, 1872. Has lived there ever since; engaged in mercantile and banking business. Director and officer of various companies.

SHARRER, HARRY E.— Born in Illinois, 1873, but moved to Indiana as soon as he could. Graduate in pharmacy, Purdue, 1891; medicine, Ohio Medical College, 1896. Located then in Hammond and keeps the town well.

STUDEBAKER, JOHN M.— Born at Gettysburg, Pa., 1833. Graduated in blacksmithing at an early age. In 1852 settled in South Bend and in that year, with his brothers, made two wagons. Went to California with a party of gold seekers, riding in the wagon he had made for them. Found little gold, but demonstrated his superiority as a wheel-barrow maker in what is now Placerville, Cal. Returned to South Bend in 1858. With his brothers built up the Studebaker Manufacturing Co., largest vehicle manufacturing concern in the world. The

name "Studebaker" on a wagon, auto or other vehicle, means just what the Studebakers have held high all these years — honor. Mr. Studebaker is affectionately known as "Uncle John," to all members of the society.

SISSON, EVERETT — Born Friday, January 13, 1891, on a Rush County farm. Attended Shiloh district school and Spiceland Academy. Began his career in Chicago by addressing envelopes, thus acquiring the genteel address which characterizes him. These envelopes were for a concern which sold solid gold watches at $4.89. In those days he often walked around the Palmer House corner for lunch. Manages a religious paper and plays golf, but consequently never mingles business with pleasure.

SWAIN, CARL BUTLER — Born at Noblesville, 1865. His father was a private in the union army and after the war a general-store keeper. Mr. Swain cut the paper on which Riley's first book was printed. He is now the vice-president of Poole Bros., railroad printers, Chicago.

SEWARD, GEORGE M.— Born January 1, 1864, at Bloomington. Grandson of Austin Seward who was one of the founders of Bloomington, in 1821.

Educated at the public schools and state university at Bloomington. Has lived in Chicago since 1897. Engaged in the bond and investment business, Stock Exchange building.

TETER, LUCIUS — Born Bowling Green, 1873. Educated Indiana grammar and high schools; began with Continental National Bank, 1892; later with American Trust and Savings Bank; assisted in organizing the Chicago Savings Bank and Trust Co., 1902, of which was successively cashier, vice-president, and, since January, 1908, president; director, United Coal Mining Co.; president, Savings Bank Section, American Bankers' Association, 1907; president, Infant Welfare Society of Chicago; director Sane Fourth Association; treasurer, Indiana Society.

TOWLE, HENRY SARGENT — Born Mishawaka; attended public schools of Mishawaka; took collegiate course at Valparaiso, Ind.; LL.B. University of Michigan, 1867. After graduating in law came to Chicago and was associated with law firms of Arrington & Dent and Goodwin & Larned; became partner, 1869, in firm of Goodwin, Larned & Towle, changing in 1874 to Goodwin, Offield & Towle, later, on death of Mr. Goodwin, to Offield

& Towle, later to Offield, Towle & Linthicum, and Offield, Towle, Graves & Offield since May 1, 1909. Trustee Northwestern University and of law department of same. Member M. E. church; for years trustee and officer Chicago Home Missionary and Church Extension Society.

TEST, FREDERICK CLEVELAND, M.D.— Born at Richmond, 1869. Father was a Quaker school teacher, and our hero spent from 1873 to 1881 in Illinois, Oregon and Michigan. Fullback at football; class cartoonist also, at University of Indiana. Did editorial work for U. S. Department of Agriculture, scoring several scoops. Now instructor in orthopedic surgery Northwestern University, and practicing.

THOMPSON, GLENN DORAN — Born Michigan City, 1867. Came to Chicago, 1887, from Detroit, and entered wholesale millinery house of Edson Keith & Co., as office man and clerk; afterward became salesman in the house, and traveling representative in Ohio, Minnesota and Indiana, and subsequently was secretary and treasurer of the company and foreign buyer until September, 1909; vice-president and secretary Franklin Hat Works since 1909.

THOMPSON, CHARLES FRANCIS — Born in Illinois, 1864; educated in grammar and high schools of Logansport, Ind., to 1880. Began lumber business in January, 1881. In February, 1898, purchased C. C. Thompson Lumber Co., and organized the Thompson Lumber Co., of which he is president and director. In January, 1900, organized Mississippi Lumber Co., of which he is treasurer; also, since January, 1902, president Kingston Lumber Co.; organized, March, 1902, Bank of Quitman, Quitman, Miss., of which he is vice-president. Also president George Adams & Fredericks Co., and treasurer and general manager Mississippi Eastern Ry.; vice-president C. L. Gray Lumber Co., and J. W. O'Dom Lumber Co.; director Rex Planing Mill Co., of Meridian, Miss.

TAYLOR, GEORGE HALLECK — Born Terre Haute, 1865; graduated from high school, Terre Haute, 1883; spent four years in special study and in newspaper work; came to Chicago and entered the Northwestern University Law School, and at same time was a student in the law office of Hon. Leonard Sweet and Hon. P. S. Grosscup. Admitted to bar, 1888. Now senior member of the law firm of Taylor & McWilliams, making specialty of real estate law; also extensively occupied with

real estate interests, representing a large number of New York and Philadelphia real estate owners.

TAYLOR, WILLIAM MODE — Born in Indianapolis and stayed there. Educated public schools, Purdue and Boston Technical. Finishing his education, entered employ of Chandler & Taylor Co., and is now its president. Has hide of fatted calf served at Come On Home barbecue.

TAYLOR, PAUL M.— Though he neglected to be born until September 6, 1887, he is vice-president of a bank. In addition to attending the liberal arts department of Northwestern University for three years, he was in the law department for one year. Entered the senior class of Dartmouth College in 1909, and graduated in 1910. In spite of his rapid rise he lives at Huntington.

TAYLOR, WILLIAM L.— Born in a log cabin in Noble County. City attorney of Indianapolis four terms; attorney general of Indiana two terms; became law partner of Hon. Stanton J. Peelle, now chief justice of the United States Court of Claims at Washington, and is still pinning his faith to the log cabin.

TORBET, LEWIS KIRTLEY — Born in Jennings County in 1856. Taught school before he was 16 years old. No pupils can be found. Taught also in Indiana and Ohio later. Admitted to the bar in 1881, and began practicing in Cincinnati. Located in Chicago in 1896, and publishes law books. Active in politics but has never sought offce. Also active Baptist. Is the only Torbet in Chicago directory.

TOWNLEY, MORRIS M.— Born at Indianapolis, 1876. Graduated Indiana Law School, 1898; practiced in Indianapolis until he came to Chicago in 1910.

TURNER, A. MURRAY — Born at Crown Point, 1859, and in youth parted his hair a la his name. Once was sheriff. Moved to Hammond, 1893; built trolley line; attended Republican National Convention in 1900, and became president of First National Bank of Hammond in 1901, which is progressing to a considerable extent.

TAYLOR, ROBERT S.— Born in Ohio, 1838. Moved to Indiana in childhood. Prominent jurist and monetary reformer. Home, Fort Wayne.

THOMAS, EDWARD S.— Born at Kendallville. Came to Chicago in 1881, and worked in tobacco business until in 1883 he secured a position with the First National Bank, of which he is now assistant cashier. Aside from golfing he does not frivol.

TRAUB, MORTON J.— Born in Indianapolis, 1877. Moved to Chicago in 1909; sole owner Atlas Floor Co.

TUTHILL, HARRY B.— Born at Dowagiac, Michigan, on the 2nd day of August, of an unknown year; he was admitted to the bar in Cass County, Michigan; went thence to Michigan City, Indiana, where he practiced law until the 1st of January, 1897, at which time he became Judge of the Superior Court circuit, composed of Lake, Porter and Laporte Counties. In 1907, Lake County was created a superior circuit, since which time he has continued as Judge of Porter and Laporte Counties, and hopes to be.

TALBOT, JOHN SAUNDERS — Born in Kentucky. His father's death made necessary for Mr. Talbot to begin the serious work of life very early. Obtaining a small clerkship in the service of the

Vandalia Railway, the young man without influence or friends other than acquired through his work, gradually moved forward through the varying grades of service in the freight traffic departments of Eastern and Western roads, until his appointment some six years since to an Assistant General Freight Agency of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway.

VOGELSANG, JOHN ZACHARIAH — Born Ripley County, 1860; educated in public schools of Indiana. Reared on farm until 16 years old, then went to Cincinnati and became assistant steward and storekeeper at the Burnett House, and later with the Gibson House; in 1883 came to Chicago and established Vogelsang's Restaurant and Buffet.

VAWTER, WILLIAM ARTHUR — Born Lafayette, 1858. Educated in public schools of Indiana. Learned trade of compositor at Indianapolis. General merchandise business at Plainfield and Danville, Ind., 1881–1886; came to Chicago, 1886, and became a partner in printing business under style of Baker, Vawter & Co., which was incorporated May, 1888, as the Baker-Vawter Co., which finally abandoned the general printing business and took up present line as devisers of complete business systems, and as manufacturers of

loose-leaf binding and filing devices and supplies. Also president and director Metal Sectional Furniture Co.

VAN SWERINGEN, FRANK H.—Born at Ft. Wayne, 1869. Public schools and M. E. College education. Also superficial agricultural training. Railroaded; now superintendent shops of Street's Western Stable-Car Line, Chicago.

VAN FLEET, VERNON W.—Born in Elkhart County, 1866. Graduated Hillsdale College. Admitted to the bar, 1891. State legislature, 1901–1903. Now superior court judge, sitting in Elkhart and South Bend and living in the latter place.

VERNIA, THOMAS J.—Born in New Albany, 1870. Is in the semi-precious stone business, selling the Bedford gem. Lived in Chicago since 1887.

WEAR, DAVID WALKER—Born 1879, St. Louis, Missouri; educated in St. Louis and Washington, D. C. Once city editor of the *Missouri Democrat* at Boonville, Missouri, now purchasing agent for the Edgar Allen American Manganese Steel Co., Chicago.

WILE, JOSEPH M.— Native of Laporte, which town he entered, penniless, in 1861. Went to Indianapolis when he was 18 years old and became a lawyer's clerk, but didn't like to work. So he watched for a chance to enter the insurance business and saw one. Has lived in Chicago since 1897. Was at one time a member of the Indianapolis Light Infantry, which organization is said to have won many laurels in competitive drilling and light operas.

WILLIS, PAUL P.— Born at Princeton. His first words were: "Dis town needs a boom." Graduated at DePauw, his oration being: "Rome Wasn't Boomed in a Day." An untiring worker — he never permits himself to work long enough to grow tired. Was publicity agent for Indianapolis until he became the assistant motive power for the Mais Motor Truck, Indianapolis.

WIGGINS, W. F.— Born in Rome, N. Y., August 1, 1863. Didn't like to live as the Romans lived and moved to Rockford, Ill., when he was 4 years old. Later tried Lincoln and Omaha, Neb., but without satisfactory results. Has resided in South Bend for twenty years, and is comptroller of the Studebaker Corporation. Alleges that he likes to comptrol.

WILLIAMS, ARISTA BEDFORD — Born on farm near Bedford, 1860; A.B. Valparaiso (Ind.) College, 1879. Admitted to Indiana bar, 1884; practiced in Sullivan, Ind., 1893; came to Chicago, was member of firm of Cutting, Castle & Williams, until 1900; after 1901 member of firm of Castle, Williams & Smith. Since 1905 a member of Castle, Williams, Long & Castle. Director Desplaines State Bank, Niles Center State Bank, Kee & Chapell Dairy Co. Gold Democrat.

WISE, VICTOR S.— Born at Lafayette, February 29, 1872. Notice the day of the month. Has had only nine birthdays. Lived for five years in Chicago, but decided that it was no use and went to Logansport, where he has been fairly successful in keeping out of trouble.

WELLS, ORSON COLLINS ("Ort") — Born in Wisconsin, 1859; educated in public schools of Wisconsin. Began business career as telegraph operator for the Phillips & Crosby Construction Co. March 1, 1904, became member of the firm of Charles G. Gates & Co., brokers in grain, stocks, etc., and members of all domestic and foreign exchanges. Baptist. Retired from the hurly burly.

WALKER, H. H. (Henry Harrison) — Born Rush County, 1839. In general mercantile business, 1855–1865, and also in local insurance business, 1860–1865. In 1866 entered employ of the Home Insurance Co., of New York, as a special agent and adjuster; state agent for Indiana of same company, 1867–1887, and was one of the company's four adjusters at Chicago to handle and adjust losses by the fire of 1871; in July, 1887, assumed charge of the company's Western farm department at Chicago, as secretary, which position he now holds. Honorary member Indianapolis Literary Club.

WEESE, HARRY E.— Born in a log house in Huntington County, 1876. Famed as football star at De Pauw. Graduated Northwestern University, 1902. Glee and mandolin clubber, and looked swell in his dress suit. Graduated in law, but is assistant cashier of Harris Trust and Savings Bank. Can play drums and traps in orchestra, write verses, and reminisce on the fiddle.

WILSON, FRANK H.— Born in Indianapolis, 1873. Office-boyed for Charles W. Fairbanks, and has never gained any flesh since. Now assistant general superintendent Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Ry. Travels in his private car, on which

the eating is fine, as the editor can testify, and hopes to be able to refresh his memory often in the future.

WILSON, RALPH C.— Born in Lafayette, August 12, 1867. Didn't like the town. At the age of 9 months he moved to Laporte. Became newsboy in Chicago when 14. Hunted whales for a year, cruising in the South Seas and the Arctic Ocean. The whaling was poor that year. Tramped through California when he got back. Then decided to become vice-president of the Old Colony Savings and Trust Co. in Chicago. Most noticeable habit: Living in Lagrange. Couldn't resist the La.

WARMAN, CY — By official action is created a Hoosier, the board which sat on his case not believing it fair to blame him with the oversight of his parents. His father and grandfather were Hoosiers, but Cy was born at Greenup, Ill., in 1855. Author of undying song, "Sweet Marie." Railroader, poet, novelist. Now lives in Montreal occasionally. Diversions: Moosehunting and visiting Chicago.

WAYLAND, DOCTOR SHIPLEY — Became a native of Indiana in 1874, and might have grad-

uated from Indiana University had not the Midway called him in 1893. He graduated in medicine in 1902, and has since then been busy trying to advertise without violating the ethics of his profession. Asserts that he would rather lose a patient than violate an ethic. Belongs to several clubs, but not to any woman — yet. Thinks it pays him to live in Chicago.

WOLCOTT, EBEN H.— Made Wolcott, Ind., famous by being born there in 1866. Graduate of Wabash College and liked it so well that he is sending his boys there. Served two sessions in the Indiana senate, but it didn't get him anything. Now he is farming and manufacturing at Marion, and able to look the whole world in the face.

WOODWARD, WASHINGTON I.— Born at Richmond, 1867. Read law with Judge Fox, and mastered poker at same time. Like everybody else in Richmond, at one time he worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad. In 1890 established his large enameled tile business in Chicago.

WATSON, JAMES E.— Born at Winchester, 1864. Graduate of De Pauw; prominent K. P.; member of congress, 1895–1907. Home, Rushville.

WHETZEL, FRANK FORDYCE.— Born in Morristown, Ind., February 24, 1858. Graduated from the Medical College of Indiana in 1878; appointed government physician and surgeon to the Yakima Indians at Fort Simcoe, Washington, in 1882. The Yakimas are practically extinct. He now practices in Chicago.

WHITMAN, CHARLES RUDOLPHUS — Born at South Bend, 1847. At 14 moved with his parents to Chicago. Graduated Ypsilanti and University of Michigan (A.B.). Graduated in law, 1873, University of Michigan, and in 1875 received A.M. Practiced in Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor; was regent of University of Michigan; state railroad commissioner, and U. S. district attorney (at Detroit). Removed to Chicago in 1899, and practices his profession.

WIGHT, BYRON WILLIAM — Born, Lagrange County, April 5, 1864; graduated Lagrange High School, 1883; removed to Chicago, 1885; graduated business college, Chicago, 1886; LL.B., Chicago-Kent College of Law, 1903. Began as credit manager Devoe & Raynolds Co., 1887–1895; with Peter Van Schaack & Sons, wholesale druggists, 1895–1903; admitted to bar, 1903.

WYMAN, GEORGE — Born on a farm in Ohio. Went to school in Painesville, O., where he learned to clerk in a dry goods store. Journeyed from Painesville to South Bend because he could do so without changing cars, and has been doing a profitable business ever since. Likes horses, baseball and good weather.

ZEISEL, H. A.— Got his first bath at Elkhart. Also his first job, which was that of office boy at the Lake Shore telegraph office. Has steadily risen in the railway business and is now superintendent of the C. I. & S. Wonders why any one who is not a Hoosier has the nerve to become great.

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